

## RAILROAD DEPARTMENT

HOW A FARMER  
BOY BECAME  
MANAGERBegan as a Station Agent  
and Worked Up—Had Eye  
for the Future.

(From the Topeka Journal.)

DeWitt C. Moon as a boy didn't want to become a farmer. Neither did the ministry or the law appeal to him. He refused a clerkship in the general store at the crossroads simply because he could see no future in it.

"What under the sun does the boy want to do, mother?" asked his father, impatient with him.

"I guess that he wants to go on the railroad, father," she replied. "He's been talking of it for these two years now. Since they began to talk of building that new road he's been worse."

"Boys nowadays are funny boys," was the comment of Moon, Sr. "When I was his age I had four acres in corn and enough stock to pay my way through school."

"No good can come of his going railroading. He'll get his head cut off some day."

It wasn't long until the surveyors, laying out the Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley & Pittsburg, a line which was to run from Warren, Pa., to Dunkirk, N. Y., came to talk with Farmer Moon about getting a right of way through his meadow land.

He wouldn't listen to them at first. "I'm not going to have my cows and chickens scared to death," he declared. The engineers left without the right of way.

They were back within the week. They simply had to run their lines through the Moon farm. Otherwise they would have to make a long and expensive detour, besides bridging a small creek that bisected the adjoining farm.

They doubled their offer. "I'll talk it over with mother," the old man told them.

Mother, thinking of the ell she wanted to build on the kitchen and of the things her parlor needed, told her husband to sign the grant. DeWitt, the boy, was wildly enthusiastic. With a railroad running right behind the barn he saw an opportunity for accomplishing that ambition that dwelled in his dreams by night and his thoughts by day.

"I hate to see the railroad come," Moon, Sr., confided in his wife. "There'll be no keeping of DeWitt at home after they begin to run trains through here."

"Let the boy have his way," she advised. Then a happy thought came to her. "They're going to build a station here, they say—why not get them to give DeWitt a job here on the old farm? They'll have to get somebody."

Farmer Moon finally surrendered. Though the surveyors demurred strenuously at first at the thought of furnishing a raw country boy with a position as one of the considerations of a right of way through his parents' land, they finally consented.

A few months afterward DeWitt C. Moon was formally appointed station agent of "Moon's station." There was no telegraph office in the little depot, only way freights stopped there. Way freights ran without orders those days.

In a year or so the D., A. V. & P. decided to make Moon's station a telegraph station. Then they proceeded to break the news to the boy station agent that his services would no longer be required. "We need a telegrapher," they explained.

"Well, I can telegraph," he told them. They gazed at him as he proceeded to explain that he had put in his time practicing Morse between way freights. In the end they decided to keep him.

Moon developed into a first class operator. He never "broke" his receiving and sending was perfect. One day they needed a new dispatcher at Dunkirk. Moon got the place.

The farmer boy made as good a dispatcher as he did an operator. When he wasn't handling trains he was thinking up ways and means to better the service. He took many suggestions to the division superintendent; many of his suggestions were put into use.

Then they promoted the "super." He suggested Moon as the logical successor of the assistant superintendent, who succeeded the superintendent. Moon was appointed.

It wasn't long until he became superintendent. Then train crews and operators remembering the days of Moon's station, began to talk of "Moon's luck."

"But it isn't luck," the boy told his mother when he came back to the old farm—in his private car. "I've worked for this, and worked hard. If they only knew the hours I have spent in preparation for these things they wouldn't say that mother."

DeWitt C. Moon is general manager of the Lake Shore now. They made him the successor of the late E. Handy the other day. Some day, predict his friends, he'll be the main spoke in the great wheel of all the New York Central lines. Moon, modest, isn't saying anything in this connection. But he believes in his own prescription for the achievement of success. It follows:

"Work. Work hard. Work every day, Sunday or week day. Work nights. Work all the time, if your

employer's needs requires it. My opportunities weren't unusual. Every young man of today has the same chance.

"And confide in your mother. Counsel with her. She knows—all mothers do. If it weren't for my mother I'd likely be spending this winter by the stove in the old general store, waiting, and wondering what the crop prospect for 1908 is to be."

General Manager Moon does no more traveling than he has to. He's too busy with his office duties. But every once in a while he sits down at the key he keeps on his desk and wires the dispatcher to order his private car and an engine made ready. "I'm going up to see mother," he explains.

F. A. Lehman, general superintendent of transportation for the Santa Fe, with headquarters in Chicago, inspected the transportation facilities in Albuquerque yesterday and left last night in his private car for the west. This was Mr. Lehman's first official trip and he was well pleased with the condition of the rolling stock here.

M. J. Drury, of La Junta, mechanical superintendent of the second grand division, was in Albuquerque Wednesday inspecting local shops.

## CATTLE PRICES ADVANCE THIRTY CENTS

Sheep are Selling for More Money Than Last Week on Strong Market.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Jan. 9.—Receipts from the range country are of small volume now, only a few here last week from western Colorado, and from the Panhandle. Buyers were anxious for beef grades, and prices advanced 15 to 30 cents during the week. Half fat steers sold at \$3.75 to \$4.25, which were formerly hard to move at prices under \$3.75. Medium Nevada cows sold at \$3.15, and fair to good Colorado cows at \$3.45, a few heifers at \$4.00. The run of cattle today is 11,000 head, fairly liberal for Monday, as other markets are heavily supplied also, prices are 5 to 15 cents lower. The outlook is for light runs for the future, and the decline today is regarded as only temporary. Stockers and feeders are an exception today, as the demand for them has been strong recently and supply small, stockers at \$3.25 to \$4.25, feeders \$3.75 to \$4.40.

Sheep and yearlings advanced 25 cents last week and lambs gained 50 to 60 cents. There was a slight reaction at the end of the week, but the general opinion is that the present strength will be held, if not increased. Run is 4,500 today, market steady, top lambs at \$6.70, fair to good lambs at \$6.15 to \$6.50, yearlings at \$5.25 to \$5.75, wethers \$4.25 to \$4.75, ewes \$4.00 to \$4.50. Colorado fed stuff has not started to move in any large numbers, and as the amount of stuff on feed in native territory is small, there will be a shortage on the local market for some weeks ahead, with relatively strong prices.

MURRAY AND MACK AT THE ELKS' OPERA HOUSE  
Murray and Mack's engagement at the Elks' theatre should be the comedy event of the season. They are two of the foremost comedians of the country, and the play which they are to present "The Sunny Side of Broadway," has been christened one of the comedy hits of the present season.

Murray and Mack's comedy is said to be delicious. Nature made them comedians, and their own unremitting work has placed them in the front rank. There isn't any of the loud "boisterous hurrah" about Murray and Mack's work. It is the dry way they say things and in their quaintness of interpretation which is so funny. The details of their work is perfect and their points are made without any apparent effort. Frank Marton, the dramatic critic of the Philadelphia Item, said recently that "Murray and Mack should be thanked for having proven to theater goers that there is fun outside of the Palais Royal farces with which the stage has been deluged." Some of the best judges say that it is one of the best comedies which has come from an American playwright. But one thing is certain—with Murray and Mack in the leading parts, the performance is a treat and should not be missed by lovers of laughter.

A cast numbering fifty people are in support of these able stars, and with the carload of special scenery carried, it is safe to assume that a performance much above the ordinary will be witnessed. The sale of seats will be open at the usual place three days in advance of the engagement.

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RATON GIRLS RUN  
AWAY TO TRINIDAD

One 14, the Other 15—Parents Believe a Man Lured Them Away From Home.

Trinidad, Colo., Jan. 9.—Ada Smith, 15 years of age, and Alma Sutton, aged 14, ran away from their homes in Raton Monday night and came to this city, where they were located Tuesday night by Chief of Police Luke Egan, who had been notified of the girls' disappearance by

their parents. The Smith girl stated that she left home because of mistreatment at the hands of her step-mother, and the younger girl said that she accompanied the Smith girl because she had been asked to do so. The police, who were notified of the affair Monday night, believe that there is a young man at the bottom of the affair, as the girls asked about a young fellow named Green.

The officers were unable to learn anything further concerning the affair, as the girls refused to talk further concerning the fellow. They found quarters Monday night at the Elmwood hotel and yesterday morning they went to a private home on the North Side, where they sought

protection. Here they were found by the police. Mr. Sutton arrived in the city last night and took both girls back to Raton. Another girl in Raton is said to have furnished the money for the Trinidad trip.

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